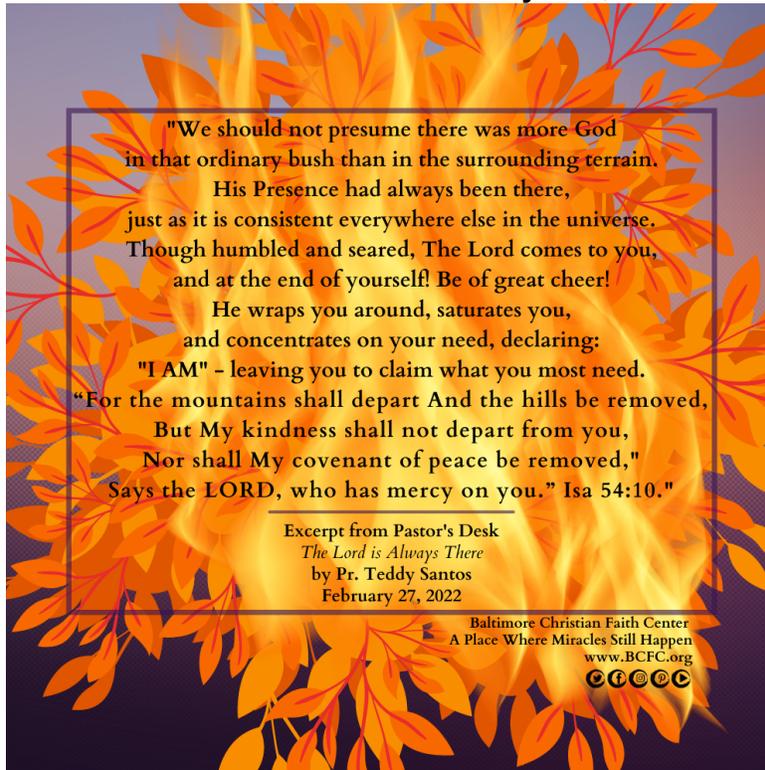


The Lord is Always There Pastor's Desk – February 27, 2022



Exo 3:2-4 *"The angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire, out of the midst of a bush And God called unto him, and said, Moses, Moses, and he said, Here am I."*

An older man of eighty years was Moses! And for forty years, he had surrounded in Court favor - the son of the palace, though he was born in Jewish slavery. His narrative was that when a man's life comes to four-score years, it is but labor and sorrow, and he includes the cutting off of the web (**Psa 90:10**) *"The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away."*

According to Stephen, recognized in deed and word, learned in the highest culture of his time, Moses was accustomed to various illustrious deeds and all that the ancient world had to offer was at his disposition (**Act 7:22; Heb 11:24-27**). However, this was followed by forty different years -

of poverty, exile, and heartbreak. Rather than Egypt's riches, he was committed to tending the sheep, and the years slowly went into insignificance. He was an unfulfilled and perplexed man.

Suddenly one afternoon, a common bush seemed wrapt in flames, "Behold! the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed" Exo 3:2.) Then that glorious Voice, speaking to the inner man, acquainted to all who have a humble and pure heart, ordered him to realize that the fire was no everyday flame but the affirmation and symbol of God's Presence.

The Lord is as near to each reader reading this as He was to Moses at that very moment! We should not presume there was more God in that ordinary bush than in the surrounding terrain. His Presence had always been there, just as it is consistent everywhere else in the universe. Though humbled and seared, The Lord comes to you, and at the end of yourself! Be of great cheer! He wraps you around, saturates you, and concentrates on your need, declaring: "I AM" - leaving you to claim what you most need. "For the mountains shall depart And the hills be removed, But My kindness shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed," Says the LORD, who has mercy on you." Isa 54:10.

At His service,
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